

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for treating waste water, which comprises subjecting waste water to a temperature of 100°C or less in the presence of oxygen and catalyst containing noble metal and active carbon and having pores, and the volume of the pores having a radius of 40 Å or more and less than 100 Å is 0.05 ml/g or more, to oxidize and/or decompose organic or inorganic substances contained in the wastewater.

2. (Original) The method for treating waste water according to claim 1, wherein the catalyst has one or more shape selected from the group consisting of a crushed shape, a honeycomb shape and a ring shape.

3. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 1, wherein oxygen-containing gas is used.

4. (Original) The method for treating waste water according to claim 3, wherein the oxygen-containing gas and the waste water are passed in gas/fluid downward parallel flow.

5. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 3, wherein air is used as the oxygen-containing gas.

6. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 1, wherein the volume of the pores is 0.1 ml/g or more.

7. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 2, wherein the shape of the catalyst is a crushed shape.

8. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 1, wherein the waste water contains at least one member selected from the group

consisting of formaldehyde, methanol, formic acid, ethanol, acetic acid, ethylene glycol and ammonia.

9. (Original) The method for treating waste water according to claim 8, wherein the waste water contains formaldehyde.

10. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 1, wherein the waste water is subjected to membrane treatment and/or adsorption treatment with an adsorbent as pretreatment.

11. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 2, wherein oxygen-containing gas is used.

12. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 4, wherein air is used as the oxygen-containing gas.

13. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 2, wherein the volume of the pores is 0.1 ml/g or more.

14. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 3, wherein the volume of the pores is 0.1 ml/g or more.

15. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 4, wherein the volume of the pores is 0.1 ml/g or more.

16. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 5, wherein the volume of the pores is 0.1 ml/g or more.

17. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 3, wherein the shape of the catalyst is a crushed shape.

18. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 4, wherein the shape of the catalyst is a crushed shape.

19. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 5, wherein the shape of the catalyst is a crushed shape.

20. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 6, wherein the shape of the catalyst is a crushed shape.

21. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 2, wherein the waste water contains at least one member selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde, methanol, formic acid, ethanol, acetic acid, ethylene glycol and ammonia.

22. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 3, wherein the waste water contains at least one member selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde, methanol, formic acid, ethanol, acetic acid, ethylene glycol and ammonia.

23. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 4, wherein the waste water contains at least one member selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde, methanol, formic acid, ethanol, acetic acid, ethylene glycol and ammonia.

24. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 5, wherein the waste water contains at least one member selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde, methanol, formic acid, ethanol, acetic acid, ethylene glycol and ammonia.

25. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 6, wherein the waste water contains at least one member selected from the group

consisting of formaldehyde, methanol, formic acid, ethanol, acetic acid, ethylene glycol and ammonia.

26. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 7, wherein the waste water contains at least one member selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde, methanol, formic acid, ethanol, acetic acid, ethylene glycol and ammonia.

27. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 2, wherein the waste water is subjected to membrane treatment and/or adsorption treatment with an adsorbent as pretreatment.

28. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 3, wherein the waste water is subjected to membrane treatment and/or adsorption treatment with an adsorbent as pretreatment.

29. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 4, wherein the waste water is subjected to membrane treatment and/or adsorption treatment with an adsorbent as pretreatment.

30. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 5, wherein the waste water is subjected to membrane treatment and/or adsorption treatment with an adsorbent as pretreatment.

31. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 6, wherein the waste water is subjected to membrane treatment and/or adsorption treatment with an adsorbent as pretreatment.

32. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 7, wherein the waste water is subjected to membrane treatment and/or adsorption treatment with an adsorbent as pretreatment.

33. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 8, wherein the waste water is subjected to membrane treatment and/or adsorption treatment with an adsorbent as pretreatment.

34. (Previously presented) The method for treating waste water according to claim 9, wherein the waste water is subjected to membrane treatment and/or adsorption treatment with an adsorbent as pretreatment.